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# Ex-CIA official called a double agent

## Feds say Soviets asked him to penetrate Senate spy panel

Washington (News Bureau)—A former CIA official, recruited by the Russians as a double agent, tried unsuccessfully to join the staff of the Senate Intelligence Committee in order to obtain U.S. intelligence secrets, federal law enforcement sources disclosed today.

The official was identified as David Barnett, who worked for the CIA from 1958 to 1970, part of that time in the super-secret Directorate of Operations, which oversees the agency's spies and undercover operatives around the world. After he left the agency, Barnett was said to have started his own business and to have served as a part-time consultant for the CIA.

FBI and Justice Department officials declined to comment on the case, but it was understood that after many weeks of negotiation, the government and Barnett's lawyer had reached an agreement that Barnett would plead to undisclosed charges brought by a federal grand jury in the Washington area.

Federal law enforcement sources, who asked not to be identified, said Barnett's activities have been the sub-

ject of a complicated FBI and Justice Department investigation for more than a year. They said the investigation is likely to bear fruit later this week.

ONE GOVERNMENT source said the Soviets instructed Barnett to penetrate the U.S. intelligence community and that he was not limited to the legislative branch.

It could not be learned what other congressional committees Barnett might have applied to or what efforts he may have made to penetrate U.S. intelligence agencies of the executive branch. However, he reportedly worked part-time for the CIA several years after his attempt to join the Senate committee which oversees U.S. intelligence agencies, and has knowledge of many of its secrets.

The sources said Barnett allegedly accepted an unknown amount of money from the Soviets. But columnist Jack Anderson reported today on the "Good Morning, America" television program that Barnett admitted accepting \$80,000 when he confessed to FBI agents that he was on the Soviet payroll. ■